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FDD Abstract MISCELLANEOUS AGRICULTURAL INFORMATION (22 pp; German;  distribution date 18 July 1952)

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This typewritten document consists of miscellaneous agricultural information, as follows:

- 1) 3 pages, dated 9 May 1952. A decree regarding steps to be taken to assure delivery of tractors, machines, and tools to the MAS.
- 2) One page, undated. A table showing the percentage of grain and rape seed spring tillage in the five worst districts in Brandenburg.
- 3) One page, dated 19 May 1952. A table showing the total number of agricultural machines in the GDR and ~~and~~ each of the Laender. The table also shows how many machines are in operating condition, and gives a breakdown according to private farms, people-owned farms and MAS.
- 4) Duplicate of no. 2/
- 5) 12 pages, dated 7 -9 May 1952. Short investment reports of the MAS for April 1952. The same table is given for the GDR as a whole and for each Land. The investments are broken down into: main investments, cultural facilities, social facilities, health facilities, and training.
- 6) 2 pages, undated. Tabular report of the census of animals as of 3 January 1952. Animals reported on are horses, cattle and swine. The report is broken down according to Laender and type of farm, e.g. private, people-owned, etc.
- 7) One page, undated. A table showing 1951 soil utilization in each Land. The table is divided into tilled soil, and temporarily untilled soil.
- 8) One page, dated 21 May 1952. 1949 survey of agricultural land, in tabular form. The table shows how much land is held by private enterprises, private industrial enterprises, people-owned enterprises, MAS, etc.

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MINUTES OF DIA-METALL MEETINGS (11 pp: German; [redacted])

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This photostated document consists of minutes of meetings of DIA-Metall (Intra-German and Foreign Trade Agency for Metals), as follows:

1) Minutes, dated 21 April 1952, of the most important points discussed at a conference of unit managers on 19 April 1952. Information given concerns submittal of goods-movement plans, instructions regarding contracts and price adjustments, designation of critical materials (foundry pig iron, shipbuilding plate, boiler plate, pipes, and tin alloys), etc.

2) Minutes, dated 26 April 1952, of the most important points discussed at a conference of unit managers on ~~26~~ 26 April 1952. Information given concerns intra-German barter transactions (approval for which is expected), preliminary projects for the 1953 Plan, transport problems, etc. This section of the document is, for the most part, illegible.

3) Minutes, dated 29 March 1952, of the most important points discussed at a conference of unit managers on 29 March 1952. Information given deals with fulfillment of the import plan (only 55 percent fulfilled, as of 31 March 1952, because of "confiscation of the accounts of the German Bank of Issue by the US"), the proposed intra-German barter transactions, reparations deliveries, financial difficulties, etc.

[In connection with 1), 2), and 3), the information given on each of the points is not comprehensive, but fragmentary, and seldom involves more than a few sentences for each point.]

4) Report, dated 14 March 1952, on the provisional evaluation of the competitions held at DIA-Metall installations. The evaluation was made by the Competition Commission of the BGL (Plant Shop Trade-Union Management) during the period 1 January-29 February 1952. The results of the evaluation are given in ~~tabular~~ tabular form, according to individual competition groups. At the conclusion of the report, proposals are made by the Competition Commission concerning the distribution of money premiums as prizes at the final evaluation on 31 March 1952.

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MINUTES OF GDR SHIPYARD DIRECTORS MEETING (7pp; German; Place of acquisition  
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The document consists of photostats of 7 typewritten pages containing the minutes of the shipyard directors meeting held on 22 April 1952 at the Directorate General for Water Transport. The document refers to a list of persons attending the meeting; however, no such list is included in this document.

The minutes are divided into three sections as follows: Opinions regarding naming/incorporating/ of shipyards and introduction of the principle of business accounting; the report of the business division about the 1951 achievements; establishing uniform work project cards.

The first section refers to the pending law which is to make the various shipyards independent enterprises. Proposed names for the shipyards are as follows: Ship Repair and Boat Yard VEB Rechlin; Ship Repair Yard Fuerstenwalde in Fuerstenwalde; all other shipyards are to be known as Ship Repair Yard...in.... The document also provides for deputy directors for each shipyard to insure continued responsible management.

The second section in addition to giving a very short resume about the 1951 achievements also includes information about the fulfillment of the production plan of each shipyard for the first quarter (1952). Planned production at the Genthin Shipyard was 400,000 Deutsche marks, actual production amounted to 260,000 Deutsche marks. Causes for this nonfulfillment were as follows: shortage of repair jobs at the yard; inability to recruit additional personnel resulted in an increase of overhead costs/per unit of output; supply contracts have not been fulfilled; operating difficulties and bad supply of materials resulted in idle plant operation; leave (sick and vacation) interfered with fulfillment of production plan. With very few exceptions the report on the fulfillment of the production plan was the same for all the shipyards. The following shipyards reported: Genthin, Frohse, Rechlin, Tangermunde, Zehdenick, Fuerstenwalde, Magdeburg, Lauegast. This list may be incomplete, since no definite identification of the shipyards or a list is included in the document.

The third section in addition to touching on the subject of uniform work projects cards also refers to the establishment of technical work standards. The document also give some information about premiums to be paid to workers for profitable suggestions. This section also takes up the problem of the supply of materials. The remark by one of the reporters that the supply situation seems to have improved provoked laughter at the meeting. The reporter also suggested that the GDS attend the meetings of the rolling mill engineers.

The document concludes with a summary by Director General Keul, in which he pointed to two problems brought out at this meeting. One is the nonadherence to delivery obligations by suppliers and the other is the precarious supply situation. The reasons Keul gives for the latter are: interrupted interzonal trade; nonfulfillment of the production plan of the GDR heavy industry; trade agreements with friendly foreign countries have not yet been concluded because of definite reasons not stated here; the GDR industry often produces supplies which are not usable. These causes were also given at a previous meeting of industrial shipyard at which Deputy Minister President Rau presided. Keul then vehemently criticized the nonadherence to delivery dates by many suppliers, calling it a "Schweinerei". He suggest punitive action to bring the suppliers in line.

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